(a) whether a large number of complaints especially from rural and backward areas have been received in regard to faulty functioning of T.V. transmitters during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to ensure fault-free functioning of T.V. transmitters?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) (a) and (b) Performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan Network is generally satisfactory though complaints of malfunctioning of some transmitters are received from time to time. No centralised data is maintained in this regard.

(c) All efforts are made by Doordarshan to attend to the complaint, promptly. However, in the case of Very Low Power Transmitters, which are unmanned installations, it takes some time to attend to the complaints, as maintenance staff has to be sent from the nearby maintenance centres.

Private participation in setting up of FM Radio stations

2944. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to permit private companies to set up FM Radio stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the private companies permitted to set up FM Radio stations along with the number of stations allotted to these companies;

(c) the details of the cities where these radio stations are proposed to be set up, State-wise; and

(d) the time schedule allowed to these companies for establishment of radio stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) (a) Yes, Sir. In 1999, the Government decided to allow private companies to set up FM radio stations in the country.

(b) The requisite details are at Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The State-wise details are at Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) The successful bidders are required to complete various formalities within nine months from the date of issue of Letter of Intent (LOI), issued on different dates in January 2006 and February, 2006, and sign the Grant of Permission agreement (GOPA) with Government of India. The FM stations have to be operationalised within 12 months from the date of signing of agreement.

Statement

Details of FM radio channels allocated to Private Companies

Name of the Company	Number of Channels allotted
Adlabs Films Ltd.	45
Ananda Offset Pvt. Ltd.	1
Asianet Communication Ltd.	2
BAG Infotainment Pvt. Ltd.	10
Century Communication Ltd.	9
Chinar Circuits Ltd.	2
Clear Media (India) Pvt. Ltd.	1
Eastern Media Limited	2
Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	32
Gwalior Farms Pvt. Ltd.	1
HT Music and Entertainment Co. Pvt. Ltd.	4
Indigo Mass Communications Pvt. Ltd.	2
ITM Softwares & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.	1
Kal Radio Pvt. Ltd.	22
Kushal Global Ltd.	2
Malar Publications Pvt. Ltd.	7
Music Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	20
Muthoot Finance Pvt. Ltd.	1
Neutral Publishing House Ltd.	2
Noble Broadcasting Corporation Pvt. Ltd.	1
PAN India Network Infravest Pvt. Ltd.	8
Positiv Radio Pvt. Ltd.	4
Pudhari Publications Pvt. Ltd.	2
Purvy Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	1
Radio Mid-Day West (India) Pvt. Ltd.	7
Radio Today Broadcasting Ltd.	7
Radio Today (Delhi)	1

Name of the Company	Number of Channels allotted
Radio today (Mumbai)	1
Radio Today (Kolkata)	1
Rajasthan Patrika Pvt. Ltd.	4
Rancka Fincom Pvt. Ltd.	1
Shri Puran Multimedia Ltd.	8
Singla Property Dealers Pvt. Ltd.	1
South Asia FM Pvt. Ltd.	23
Synergy Media Entertainment Ltd.	17
Syntech Informatics Ltd.	1
The Mathrubhumi Prinitng & Publishing Ltd.	4
The Malayala Manorama Co. Ltd.	4
Indian FM Pvt. Ltd.	1
Hitz FM Pvt. Ltd.	1
TOTAL :	264

Statement-II

State/UT wise details of location of private FM channels

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	City	No. of available Channels
1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	4(2)*
		Vijayawada	2
		Vishakapatnam	4(1)*
		Rajamundri	2
		Tirupati	2
		Warangal	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	1
3	Assam	Guwahati	4
4	Bihar	Patna	1
		Muzaffarpur	1
5	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	2
		Raipur	4
6	Goa	Panaji	3

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	City	No. of available Channels
7	Gujarat	Surat	4
	Ahmedabad	5(1)*	
	Rajkot	3	
	Vadodra	4	
8	Haryana	Hissar	4
	Karnal	2	
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	3
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	1
		Jammu	1
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	4
		Jamshedpur	3
12	Karnataka	Bangalore	7(3)*
		Gulbarga	2
		Mangalore	4
		Mysore	2
13	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	4
		Cochin	3
		Kozhikod	2
		Trissur	4
		Kannur	4
14	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	4
		Indore	4(1)*
		Jabalpur	4
		Gwalior	4
15	Maharashtra	Sholapur	2
		Mumbai	7(4)*
		Pune	4(1)*
		Nagpur	4
		Ahmednagar	3
		Dhule	1
		Jalgoan	3
		Kolhapur	2
		Nanded	2

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	City	No. of available Channels
		Nasik	2
		Sangli	2
		Akola	2
		Aurangabad	2
16	Meghalaya	Shillong	2
17	Mizoram	Aizwal	1
18	Orissa	Rourkela	2
		Bhubaneshwar/Cuttack	3
19	Punjab	Amritsar	4
		Jalandhar	4
		Patiala	4
20	Rajasthan	Jaipur	5(2)*
		Ajmer	3
		Jodhpur	4
		Bikaner	1
		Kota	3
		Udaipur	3
21	Sikkim	Gangtok	2
22	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	8(3)*
		Tiruchy	2
		Tirunelveli	3(1)*
		Tuticorin	3
		Coimbatore	4(1)*
		Madurai	3
23	Tripura	Agartala	1
24	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	3(1)*
		Kanpur	3
		Agra	3
		Allahabad	3
		Varanasi	4
		Aligarh	1
		Bareilly	2

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	City	No. of available Channels
		Gorakhpur	1
		Jhansi	1
25	West Bengal	Kolkata	9(4)*
		Asansol	2
		Siliguri	3
26	Delhi	Delhi	8(4)*
27	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	2
28	Daman & Diu	Daman	1
29	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	3
TOTAL :		87	264(29)*

* Figures in bracket indicate number of Channels already operational.

Air stations

2945. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio stations in the country, State-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred and the income generated by All India Radio stations during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the expenditure incurred/being incurred on All India Radio is far more than its listnership;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard particularly to increase the listenership and to fix responsibility on the personnel of All India Radio;

(e) whether there is any proposal to introduce/set up one or two powerful stations per language instead of a large number of AIR stations in the country which may reduce its operating cost; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) 223 Radio Stations are working in the country. State-wise break up is at Statement. (*See* below).